(*c*) The authorities concerned have been moved with a view to the removal of the restriction on export of cattle from British India and as the result of representations made a Joint Board in which Travancore is represented will take up the matter shortly.

Veterinary Hospitals.

43. * **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Veterinary Hospitals at work at the close of 1119 ?

Mr. K. Subramonia Pillai : 17

Manure depots.

44. * **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan** : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of manure depots opened by the Agricultural Department in 1119 ;

(*b*) the number of depots at work at the close of 1119 ; and

(*c*) the total value of the manure sold in all the depots in 1119 ?

Mr. K. Subramonia Pillai : (*a*) Nil.

(*b*) Departmental manure depots 26.
Agency depots 6.

(*c*) Rs. 1,43,402-12-12.

Last Census Report.

45. * **Mr. K. C. Chandy** (*Thodupuzha* cum *Minachil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a statement showing the number of adherents to the various Christian denominations was included in the last Census Report ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) be in the affirmative, the reference thereof ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) be in the negative, the reason, if any, of the omission ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Pages 225 to 230 of Part III (State Tables) and pages 189 and 141 of Part I of the Census Report.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

Punja Cultivation.

46. * **Mr. N. Narayana Kurup** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the Kuttanad Agricultural Association requesting them to make arrangements for stocking the necessary quantity of oil for punja Cultivation in the State before the 30th of Thulam every year ;

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[Mr. N. Narayana Kurup.]

(*b*) If so, whether they have taken any step for the same ; and

(*c*) If 'yes', what steps have been taken and the result thereof ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai : (*a*) Certain representations, including one from the Kuttanad Agricultural Association were received by Government in 1117 in regard to the arrangements for the distribution of oil for the punja cultivation in 1118.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Arrangements were made with the oil companies to release the necessary quantity of oil and a Board by the name of the Kuttanad Punja Cultivation Oil Distribution Board was constituted for the distribution of oil to the ryots.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : In answer to part (*a*) may I know whether Government have received any representation from the Kuttanad Agricultural Association requesting them to make arrangements for storing all the oil before 30th Thulam every year ?

President : The Chief Secretary will make a statement on the matter.

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai : Sir, the Government have decided to reconstitute the Punja Cultivation Board in the following manner. It will consist of—

(1) The Special Officer for Punja cultivation.
(2) The Tahsildar, Ambalapuzha.
(3) Two representatives of three chief oil companies.
(4) Three re presentatives of Cultivators nominated by Government.

The Special Officer will be the Convener of the Board. The distribution of Diesel oil, lubricants and kerosene oil will be entrusted to him and he will be assisted in this matter by the Board. A levy of 1/2 a chuckram per gallon of oil and lubricants distributed will be collected by the Board for meeting the Board's expenses.

The Special Officer has reported that the total area of Punja and Mundakan lands in Kuttanad and of the Mundakan lands in the Shertallai taluk is 1,40,000 acres. Of these, about 20,000 acres, will be de-watered by electric motors, gas engines and water wheels. The remaining area of 1,20,000 acres will have to be dewatered by oil engines. The total quantity of diesel oil required for the next season is, on this basis, estimated at 1250 tons (1256 tons of diesel oil

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was supplied by the companies last year). Arrangements have already been made with the oil companies for the supply of this quantity. The companies have promised full co-operation and it is understood that the first consignment of diesel oil has already been delivered at Alleppey.

I may add that a programme relating to the supply of oil has already been drawn up in advance by the Special Officer in consultation with the oil companies. I may also tell this Honourable House that a representative of the company who was here a couple of days ago said that this programme will be adhered to.

Paddy purchased from within the State.

47. *Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai (*Quilon* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the quantity of paddy purchased by Government from within the State in 1119 ; and

(*b*) the cost incurred for collecting and transporting the same?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : (*a*) 97,72,829 Paras, 7 Edangalies.

(*b*) Rs. 7·55 lakhs.

Settlement pattom.

48. *Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the press note dated 1st September 1943 is imperative that settlement pattom should be given to Government even if the yield is only just sufficient to meet the cultivation expenses and for consumption at the rate allowed by the Government; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether the cultivator of the above category has to pay settlement pattom and take to ration for the family consumption, by paying more, after receiving less for what he sells?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Every landholder is liable to sell to Government the quota of paddy on the basis of settlement pattom irrespective of his requirements for domestic consumption. If the balance after the sale of the quota is insufficient to meet his full requirements he has to obtain ration under ration card.

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